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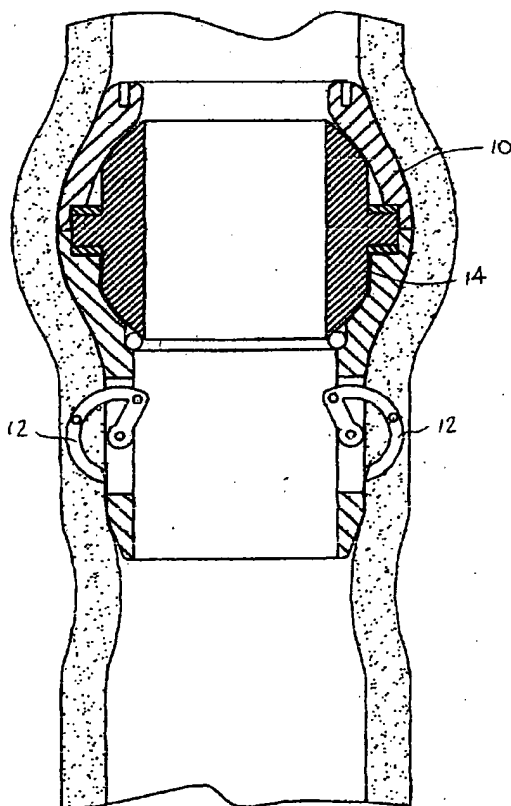
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device in a gastrointestinal tract (e.g., the anorectal wall), a valve
disposed in the casing and controllable to move from a closed
position, which significantly restricts passage of gastrointestinal
(e.g., fecal) matter therepast, and an open position, which per-
mits passage of gastrointestinal matter therepast, and a controller
operatively connected to the valve for externally controlling the
position of the valve between the closed and open positions.

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